

REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022

1. EVENTS

➤ **Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav** : With the in-principle approval of Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Kalakshetra Foundation in collaboration with M/s Banyan Tree conceived, curated **AMRITAM GAMAYA** -The International Festival of Dance and Music.

Amritam Gamaya -International Festival of Music and Dance was held at Dr.Ambedkar Bhavan Bangalore on 6th August 2022 . Shri Ashwath Narayanan, Honble Minister for Electronics, Information Technology - Biotechnology, Science and Technology, Higher Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood ,Government of Karnataka graced the occasion. Shri Shasank Subramanyam and Sri Bhairu Singh Chauhan, GB members also attended the function.









Amritam Gamaya - International Festival of Dance & Music was held at Welham Girls School Auditorium, Dehradun on 9th August 2022. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami and Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture, Govt. of India, Sri G.Kishan Reddy graced the occasion and felicitated the artists. Smt.Anupama Hoskere and Sri Bhairu Singh Chauhan, GB members also attended the function.







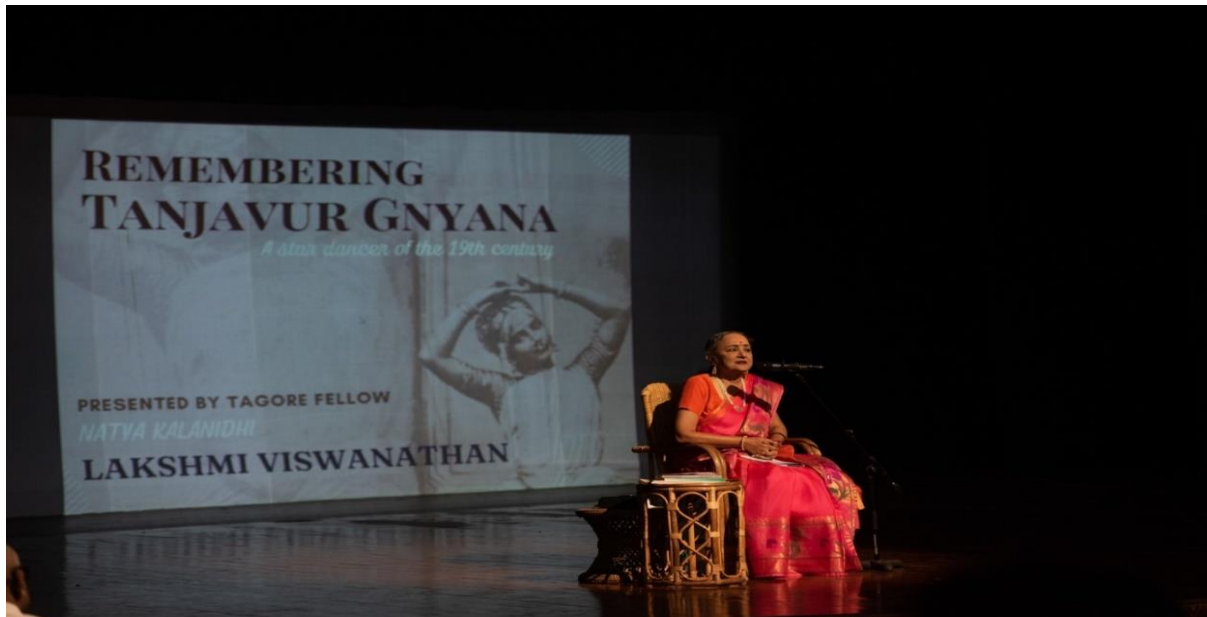
- **Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – 75 years of Independence in its premises by conducting the following events:**

12th August 2022: AMARA – Dancing the stories of Bantey Srei a dance production by Apsaras Arts Dance Company, Singapore

13th August 2022:– Special Villupattu by Kalaiaamamani Bharathi Thirumaganand Party on the topic “Ellor Veetilum Kodi Parakka” (Har Ghar Tiranga)



14th August 2022: Tagore Fellow Lakshmi Viswanathan presented ‘Remembering Tanjavur Gnana’ star dancer of the 19th century, an amalgam of lecture, visuals and natyam



- On 15th August 2022, 76th Independence Day was celebrated at BASS School. Staff of Kalakshetra Foundation, BASS School, BTHS School, CERC and RDCFA and students of BASS School, RDCFA also participated in the function. Chief Guest Shri.E.S.L Narasimhan, IPS, Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana hoisted the Indian National Flag. Kalakshetra artists presented KF production “Shanti Sutra” – Thread of peace, a production remembering Mahatma Gandhi and Rukmini Devi Arundale through the thread that connects them at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium.





- On 2nd August 2022, as part of Handloom day, a Hand spinning workshop was organised by Kalakshetra Foundation in collaboration with M/s Thula Organics.





Ms. Sarah Kirlew, Consul General for South India from Australian Consulate visited Kalakshetra Foundation on 26th August 2022.



➤ 2. Central Office :

Administration :

1. In pursuance of MoC Letter F.No.Akd-21/12/2021-Akad./507 dated 22.7.2022, concurring for grant of correct replacement scale in Pay Band 2 with grade pay of Rs.4600 w.e.f. 1.1.2006 equivalent to Pay Level 7 in the 7th Pay Commission Pay Matrix, the following posts in Kalakshetra Foundation were placed in PB2 with grade pay of Rs.4600 from 1.1.2006 to 31.12.2015 and in Pay level 7 of 7th Pay Commission Pay matrix with effect from 1.1.2016:

1. Administrative Officer
2. Manager (Besant Arundale Senior Secondary (BASS) school)
3. Manager (Craft Education and Research Centre (CERC))
4. Registrar (Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA))

Col.4 (Scale of pay) of Schedule I of the Kalakshetra Foundation Recruitment Regulations, 2005 against each post mentioned above stands amended with reference to the above changes.

CIVIL WORKS:

- i. The work of providing dress changing room in CERC office of KF costing to. Rs.47,438/- was undertaken and completed.
- ii. The work of providing ceramic tiles flooring in boiling room and construction of small parapet wall near washing area at CERC of KF costing to Rs.68,978 was undertaken and completed.
- iii. Purchase of slotted angle racks to CERC was made through GEM
- iv. Purchase of cleaning and stationary items was made through GEM

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3. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

Demonstration by Flamenco and Tannoura Dancers was conducted on 01.08.2022 (Monday) at 06.00 p.m. - 07.00 p.m. at Bharatha Kalakshetra Auditorium, for the students of RDCFA.

Varalakshmi Pooja was celebrated at Rukmini Arangam on 05.08.2022 (Friday) at 10.00 a.m.

A lecture by Shri A. Janardhanan (Guru - Consultant) about Kalakshetra prayers was conducted on 20th August 2022 at Rukmini Arangam at 09.00 a.m. at Rukmini Arangam.

First year dance, music and visual arts students visited Mylapore Kapaleeswarar Temple, and Egmore Museum on 24th August 2022.

Third year dance, music and visual arts students visited Chidambaram as an educational tour on 25th & 26th August 2022.

Second year dance, music and visual arts students visited the temples in Kanchipuram as an educational tour on 29th August 2022.

In connection with the Adipatha Nayanar festival - bhajans were rendered by students of RDCFA at Sri Marundeeswarar Temple on 26.08.2022 (Friday).

The Japanese Consulate has organised the Art Workshop on 23rd August 2022 at Kalakshetra Foundation. Ms. Misako Shin-e, Japanese Traditional painter has conducted the workshop for the Visual Arts Students. The Consul - General, Mr. TAGA Masayuki has visited Kalakshetra and witnessed the workshop.



4. THEATRE

Sri.Mohan - Faculty, Dance has hired Rukmini Arangam on 15th August 2022 for aragetram.

August 18th Kalakshetra Foundation has performed Bharatanatyam for TamilNadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram – Natya Vizha at Vani Mahal, Chennai.

Sri. Nidheesh Kumar – Alumni of Kalakshetra, Dance has hired Rukmini Arangam on 28th August 2022 for dance school annual day.

5. MUSEUM

Immersion program for 4 students from Apsaras Art Ltd. was held for four days from 5th of August.

6. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

The students participated in the Inter – School Cultural Competitions conducted by **Hindu Senior Secondary School** on August 1st and 2nd 2022 and **Vidya Mandir** on 6th August 2022 and won the following prizes.

# Group singing	-- Second Prize
# Connections	-- Third Prize
# Dumb Charades	-- First Prize
# Basketball	-- First Prize
# Group Dance	-- First Prize

SGS Charitable Trust conducted a Literary competition for school students named “Amrutha Mahotsava” on 14th August 2022 and the students participated and won First Prize, a cash prize of Rs.10,000 each in the Tamil Poetry and Tamil Essay Writing Competition. BASS school also got the Overall trophy.

Periodic Test - I conducted for classes II to XII.

The students from classes IX to XII took a pledge to fight against drugs on 11th August 2022.

As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Culture initiated a drive to hoist our National Flag virtually in our homes and take a selfie with the flag. Our staff and students participated, received certificates and their pictures were featured on the Har Ghar Tiranga website.

Our school students attended a workshop on the topic “Preparing children for challenges – Life Skills Approach” on 24th August 2022.

Terminal Examination – 1 Timetable shared for class I to XII which will start from 12/9/2022.

The primary class students participated in the Inter – school Cultural competition conducted by Bala Vidya Mandir on 27th August 2022 and got participation certificates.



7. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The progress of work in CERC during August 2022 is as below:

Weaving:

- Production of 2 silk sarees for job order and 1 for craft shop
- Production of 29 Cotton and Hand spun sarees for craft shop
- Silk shawl – 8 nos and cotton shawls- 7 nos.

Painting:

- Production of panel – 12 Nos - mythology paintings, tree of life, floral and birds.
- Sketching and painting of 2 chanderi sarees and one cotton saree for Craft shop

Printing:

- Printing on export gada dress material – 111 mts and 5 mts job order, lungis – 26 nos, 29 voil stoles, 25 voil dupatta, 11 maheswari salwar sets and Voil material to use for handkerchief – 3.9 mts.

Workshops:

- Painting workshops taken for students of RDCFA, and visual arts students. 22 students.
- Internship by Shri Malini from NIFT

Adai Documentation as part of CSR :

The project funding is utilised for documenting adai designs of Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale and to weave the designs on textiles and creating a directory for Rukmini Devi Design Directory. The project is for 3 years and proposes to document about 75 designs. We have completed about 7 adai designs and a report is drafted for the same.

8. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

On 01.08.22 free notebooks supplied by Government of Tamil Nadu were issued for the students of classes I to X.

On 25.8.22 & 26.08.2022 Parent-Teacher's meeting was organized. Parents attended the meeting enthusiastically.

On 27.8.22 12 Teachers attended CRC training at SSA camp.

On 29.8.22 Ennum Ezhathum assessment test for I to III STD students completed.

On 30.8.22 EMIS verification was held at CIT Nagar School. HM and coordinator attended this camp. Staff attendance and all class attendance verified with EMIS.